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1. IN MY CALL UPON THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, OUR DISCUSSION IN PART CONCERNED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDONESIA. I RECOUNTED TO THE AMBASSADOR A CONVERSATION THAT I HAD HAD WITH ALEXANDRE HAY, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), WHERE HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FAILURE OF THE ICRC TO RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT FOR CONTACT WITH THE PRISONER CAMPS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS MATTER SOON, THAT A MAJOR PART OF THE OBSTACLE HAD BEEN THE HEAVY-HANDED APPROACH OF SEVERAL OF THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES.

2. HE ALSO SAID THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS DEEPLY RESENTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVED THAT THE GOI WOULD MAKE MAJOR EFFORTS SOON TO RESOLVE A SITUATION THAT HE DESCRIBED AS "HAVING GONE ON FAR TOO LONG". HE EXPECTED THE REELECTION OF PRESIDENT
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SUHARTO TO BE THE MANDATE FOR THE HUMANE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT THE GROUP A PRISONERS WOULD ALL BE TRIED BY THE END OF 1978, THAT THE 30,000 PRISONERS IN GROUP B WOULD EITHER BE RELEASED OR RECLASSIFIED IN THE COMING YEAR, AND THAT THE GROUP C PRISONERS WERE NOW ALL RELEASED. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS VERY AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALTHOUGH NO GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE PRESSURE OF SUCH A COMMITMENT,

NEVERTHELESS, HIS GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO BE REMINDED OF THE UNIVERSAL VALUES WHICH ALL OF US AS INDIVIDUALS SHOULD SUPPORT.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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